

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY Utility or Design Patent Application Previously Filed	Attorney's Docket Number F-683-O1
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As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, mailing addresses and citizenships are as stated below next to our names.

We believe that we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHOD FOR MAIL ADDRESS BLOCK IMAGE INFORMATION
ENCODING, PROTECTION AND RECOVERY IN POSTAL PAYMENT
APPLICATIONS**

described and claimed in a patent application filed on December 15, 2004 and assigned the serial number 10/582,741 in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

We acknowledge our duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, section 1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, any foreign application for patent or inventor(s) certificate, or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date	Priority Claimed	Certified Copy Attached

We hereby appoint practitioners at **Customer Number 00919** to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Please direct all correspondence to the address associated with Customer Number 00919.

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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